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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: June 1, 2006.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Proposal To collect Information on the Annual Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States

ACTION: Proposed collection comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as authorized by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before 5 p.m., August 7, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or e-mail dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Obie G. Whitchard, Chief, International Investment Division, (BE-50), Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; phone (202) 606-9890 (or e-mail obie.whitchard@bea.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Annual Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States (Form BE-15) obtains sample data on the financial structure and operations of nonbank U.S. affiliates of foreign

investors. The data are needed to provide reliable, useful, and timely measures of foreign direct investment in the United States, assess its impact on the U.S. economy, and based upon this assessment, make informed policy decisions regarding foreign direct investment in the United States. The data are used to derive annual estimates of the operations of U.S. affiliates of foreign investors, including their balance sheets; income statements; property, plant, and equipment; external financing; employment and employee compensation; merchandise trade; sales of goods and services; taxes; and research and development activity. In addition, data covering employment and property, plant, and equipment are collected by state. The data are also used to update similar data for the universe of U.S. affiliates collected once every five years on the BE-12 benchmark survey.

BEA proposes the following changes to the survey, beginning with the survey for 2006: (1) Add a question to the BE-15 EZ, short form, and long form to identify the accounting principles used to compile and report the survey data. (2) Modify the question on the BE-15 long form that collects information on the major industrial activity of the U.S. affiliate to include all of the affiliate's major activities; currently, information on only one major activity is collected. (3) Include a check box on the BE-15 Supplement C to determine if a U.S. affiliate is claiming an exemption based on a merger or on a consolidation; currently, a single check box covers both mergers and consolidations. (4) Clarify certain instructions, add illustrative diagrams, and modify formatting in an effort to make the survey forms more clear and easier to complete. Taken together, these changes will not affect the overall respondent burden for the survey.

II. Method of Collection

The BE-15 annual survey is sent to potential respondents at the end of March each year. A completed report covering a reporting company's fiscal year ending during the previous calendar year is due by May 31. Reports must be filed by every nonbank U.S. business enterprise that is owned 10 percent or more by a foreign investor and that has total assets, sales, or net income (or loss) of over \$30 million. Potential respondents are those nonbank U.S. business enterprises that reported in the 2002 benchmark survey of foreign direct investment in the United States, along with nonbank businesses that subsequently entered the direct investment universe. The BE-15 is a

sample survey, as described; universe estimates are developed from the reported sample data.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0608-0034.

Form Number: BE-15.

Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,950.

Estimated Time per Response: 21.8 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 107,900 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$4,316,000 (based on an estimated reporting burden of 107,900 hours and an estimated hourly cost of \$40).

IV. Requests for Comments

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and costs) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 1, 2006.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

Scope Clarification Request Foreign-Trade Subzone 234B (Loading Equipment and Parts and Components Thereof), LeTourneau, Inc., Longview, Texas

A request for clarification of scope has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by LeTourneau, Inc., operator of Foreign-Trade Subzone 234B. A grant of authority for LeTourneau's subzone was

issued on February 22, 2005, for certain activity involving loading equipment, components of offshore drilling rigs, log handling equipment, cranes, drive systems, and parts and components thereof. In its original application, LeTourneau had indicated that one of its foreign-sourced inputs would be a driver assembly, imported duty free under subheading 8483.90.5000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), to be used in the production of loaders.

LeTourneau now seeks clarification whether its scope includes authority to import two subcomponents of the driver assembly and then assemble the drive assembly at LeTourneau's Texas facility (rather than importing the completed driver assembly). The driver-assembly components would be a pre-machined hub (HTSUS 7326.90.8587 - 2.9% duty rate) and a spindle 7326.19.0000 (HTSUS 7326.19.0000 - 2.9% duty rate).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is July 6, 2006. A copy of the request is available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1115, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: May 31, 2006.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

(A-602-803, A-122-822, A-427-808, A-428-816, A-588-824, A-580-816)

Final Results of Expedited Sunset Reviews: Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products from Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, and South Korea

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: On November 1, 2005, the Department initiated the sunset reviews of the antidumping duty ("AD") orders on certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products ("CORE") from Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, and South Korea pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). On

the basis of a notice of intent to participate, an adequate substantive response filed on behalf of the domestic interested parties, an inadequate response from Canadian and French interested parties, and no response from other respondent interested parties, the Department determined to conduct expedited sunset reviews of these orders pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2). As a result of these sunset reviews, the Department finds that revocation of these AD orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the margins indicated in the "Final Results of Review" section of this notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 6, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Conniff, Darla Brown or Brandon Farlander, AD/CVD Operations, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1009, (202) 482-2849 or (202) 482-0182, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 1, 2005, the Department initiated sunset reviews of the AD orders on CORE from Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, and South Korea pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. *See Initiation of Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews*, 70 FR 65884 (November 1, 2005). The Department received notices of intent to participate from the following domestic interested parties: United States Steel Corporation ("U.S. Steel"); Mittal Steel USA ISG Inc. ("Mittal Steel"); Nucor Corporation ("Nucor"); Ispat-Inland ("Ispat"); Oregon Steel Mills, Inc. ("Oregon Steel") (hereinafter, collectively "domestic interested parties"); and United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO-CLC ("USW"), within the deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i). The domestic interested parties claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act as U.S. producers of the domestic like product. USW claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(D) of the Act as a union representing the domestic CORE industry. We received complete substantive responses from the domestic interested parties¹ within the 30-day

¹ Despite filing a notice of intent to participate, the USW neither filed its own nor joined the domestic interested parties in the substantive responses filed.

deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i).

The Department did not receive a substantive response from any respondent in any of the sunset reviews of the AD orders on CORE from Australia, Germany, Japan, and South Korea. The Department received a substantive response from Stelco Inc. ("Stelco"), a producer and exporter of CORE from Canada, in the sunset review of the AD order on CORE from Canada. With respect to the sunset review of the AD order on CORE from France, the Department received a substantive response from Dufenco Coating SA and Sorral SA (collectively, "Dufenco Sorral") and a waiver of participation from Arcelor. The Department determined that it had received inadequate respondent participation in each of these sunset reviews. As a result, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2), the Department conducted expedited reviews of these orders.

On February 28, 2006, the Department extended the deadline for the final results of these reviews for 90 days, until May 30, 2006. *See Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products from Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, and South Korea: Extension of Time Limits for Final Results of Expedited Reviews*, 71 FR 10006 (February 28, 2006).

Scope of the Orders

The products subject to these orders include flat-rolled carbon steel products, of rectangular shape, either clad, plated, or coated with corrosion-resistant metals such as zinc, aluminum, or zinc-, aluminum-, nickel- or iron-based alloys, whether or not corrugated or painted, varnished or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances in addition to the metallic coating, in coils (whether or not in successively superimposed layers) and of a width of 0.5 inch or greater, or in straight lengths which, if of a thickness less than 4.75 mm, are of a width of 0.5 inch or greater and which measures at least 10 times the thickness, or if of a thickness of 4.75 mm or more, are of a width which exceeds 150 mm and measures at least twice the thickness, as currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS") under item numbers: 7210.30.0030, 7210.30.0060, 7210.41.0000, 7210.49.0030, 7210.49.0090, 7210.61.0000, 7210.69.0000, 7210.70.6030, 7210.70.6060, 7210.70.6090, 7210.90.1000, 7210.90.6000, 7210.90.9000, 7212.20.0000, 7212.30.1030, 7212.30.1090,